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On the motion of Mr. C. P. Crick, seconded by Mr. R. H. Burne, a vote of thanks was passed to the Retiring Officers and Members of the Council, and to the Auditors and Scrutineers.

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ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1912.

R. BULLEN NEWTON, F.G.S., President, in the Chair.

The President delivered his annual address, entitled "On the Lower Tertiary Mollusca of the Fayum Province of Egypt", which was illustrated by some of the shells mentioned, including the types of several new species. Afterwards numerous views of the district in question, kindly provided by Dr. C. W. Andrews, were thrown on the screen.

On the motion of Mr. B. B. Woodward, seconded by Mr. C. P. Crick, a vote of thanks was passed to the President for his address, and he was asked to permit it being printed *in extenso*. Dr. Andrews, who had been in charge of the expedition and who brought the fossils home, made some interesting observations.

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ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1912.

R. BULLEN NEWTON, F.G.S., President, in the Chair.

Mr. H. C. Napier was elected a member of the Society.

The following communications were read:—

1. "The Distribution and Habits of *Alopi*, a sub-genus of *Clausilia*." By the Rev. A. H. Cooke, M.A., F.Z.S.
2. "A Synopsis of the Recent and Tertiary Land and Freshwater Mollusca of the Californian Province." By H. Hannibal.
3. "Note on the existence of two editions of Férussac's *Tableaux Systématiques*." By M. Conolly.
4. "Note on *Pleurotoma (Clionella) bipartita*, Smith." By E. A. Smith, I.S.O.

The Rev. A. H. Cooke exhibited ten specimens of *Eremina desertorum*, forming part of a collection of forty taken by him near Cairo in 1904, which had been placed in a tin box and kept without food until January last, when it was found that ten individuals were still alive; they were supplied with lettuce leaves which, however, they would not touch, whereas some desert sand was greedily devoured by them. Of these ten specimens seven had since died, but the other three were still alive.

Mr. A. S. Kennard exhibited a fragmentary valve of *Unio batavus*, Lam., from the Pleistocene of Swanscombe, a species not hitherto recorded from these Islands. Two other specimens had been forwarded by him to Dr. Haas of Frankfurt a/M., who confirmed the specific determination.

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ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1912.

R. BULLEN NEWTON, F.G.S., President, in the Chair.

Mr. E. W. Vredenburg was elected a member of the Society.

The following communications were read:—

1. "The genus *Dosinia* and its subdivisions." By A. J. Jukes-Browne, F.R.S., F.G.S.
2. "On the generic name to be applied to the *Venus islandica*, Linn." By E. A. Smith, I.S.O.
3. "Note on *Lapparia Parki*, Suter." By Henry Suter.
4. "Characters of three new species of freshwater shells from Uruguay" and "Descriptions of five new species of *Limicolaria* from British East Africa". By H. B. Preston, F.Z.S.

The Rev. R. Ashington Bullen exhibited a series of living mollusca collected by him in the island of Grand Canary, comprising *Euparypha Grasseti*, *Helicella monilifera*, *Curacollina Parryi*, and *Folliculus folliculus*; a piece of limestone rock containing *Zonitoides minusculus*, from the Upper Pliocene, Warwick, Bermuda; and, on behalf of Miss Dorothy Bate, Pleistocene cave shells from Mallorca and Minorca.

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